

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 20-29 with the following paragraph, in which an addition is indicated by underlining:

Part of the particulate material in the fluidized bed reactor 2, visualized by the arrows 19 enters the moving bed reactor 3 and forms a bed 20 of settled polymeric particles which move slowly downwardly in a more or less plug stream towards the outlet 21 which is partly closed off by a valve 22 controlled via a control line 23. On the downwardly moving bed of polymeric particles in the moving bed is formed a cushion of separation fluidum which is added via the line 24 and the nozzles 25. This separation fluidum is in this case a liquid which evaporates under the conditions residing at the top of the moving bed. The top part of the moving bed, above the nozzles 25, is preferably fluidized by the upstreaming evaporated separation fluidum.

At page 10 of the specification, please delete Figs. 6 and 7.

At page 11 of the specification, please delete Fig. 8.

At page 12 of the specification, please delete Fig. 9.